Sample check for corrosion of Boeing 747

2755. SHRI RAJNi RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director of the Air Safety has asked the Air India to conduct a sample check for corro sion of nine Boeing 747 of its fleet;

(b) if so, what are the reasons there for;

(c) whether the sample check has been conducted; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b) The Directorate of Air Safety in the office of Director General of Civil Aviation had asked Air India to conduct a sample check for corrosion on one *oi* its nine Boeing 747 aircraft as a part of the investigation process presently being carried out to determine the cause of the crash of AI-182 of 23-6-1985.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No abnormality was observed.

Pakistani Agents arrested in Jamnm and Kashmir

2756. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased vo state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the three Pakistani agents were arrested from Poonch in Jammu and Kashmir in the last week of June, 1985;

(b) what has been revealed by them during interrogations; and

(c) whether they are connected with the extremists in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI-MATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) to (c) Facts are being ascertained from the Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

New Pension Formula

2757. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD- Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased'to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that subsequent to the Supreme Court Judgement dated 17th December, 1982, the Finance Ministry issued linstructions *vide* their Offices Memorandum No. F. 11(3) EV/83 dated the 22nd October, 1983 extending eligibility to the new pension formula to all those who had retired before the 31st March, 1979 and were in receipt of pen-sion belonging to the five categories men-tioned therein etc.;

(b) whether it is also a fact that whib implementing the decision of the Supreme Court, the Ministry confined itself to revision of pensions without affecting DCR Gratuity already determined and paid in all cases regulated by *ad-hoc* scheme of payments but in case of revision of pensions on the basis of records if directed that the amount of DCR Gratuity paid to the pension concerned, should be recorded by deducting their pensions;

(c) if not, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have received a large number of representatives against recovery of DCR Gratuity; and

(e) if so, the decision taken, thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, ADMINISTRATION REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir. The correct number of the Office Memorandum is F. l(3)-EV/83.

(b) and (c) it was provided in the Government of Inlia O.M. No. F. 1(3)-EV/ 83 dated the 22nd October, 1983 that the benefit of liberalised formula will not affect the death-cum-retirement Gratuity already determined and paid. Even in cases where revised pension was calculated on the basis of records, the DCR Gratuity already paid to the pensioner was not affected.